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In re Application of: Ningning Miao)
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For: Method of Treating Dopaminergic and) Docket No.: ONV-044.01
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application. Please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--63. A nucleic acid which encodes a Desert hedgehog protein of human origin.

64. The nucleic acid of claim 63, which contains a part or the whole of either the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No: 8 or its complementary nucleotide sequence.